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SUBJECT: MUSLIM INSURGENCY A NATIONAL EMERGENCY

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1. WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT ROMULO HAD IN MIND WHEN SUGGESTING
SABAH ARTICLE MIGHT BE DROPPED FROM CONSTITUTION.

THERE IS NO SUCH SEPARATE ARTICLE IN CONSTITUTION ADOPTED
JAN 17, 1973, AND NOW IN EFFECT. ARTICLE I, SECTION I

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DEFINES THE NATIONAL TERRITORY AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE
SECTION I. THE NATIONAL TERRITORY COMPRISES THE PHILIP-
PINE ARCHIPELAGO, WITH ALL THE ISLANDS AND WATERS EMBRACED
THEREIN, AND ALL THE OTHER TERRITORIES BELONGING TO THE
PHILIPPINES BY HISTORIC RIGHT OR LEGAL TITLE, INCLUDING
THE TERRITORIAL SEA, THE AIR SPACE, THE SUBSOIL, THE SEA-
BED, THE INSULAR SHELVES, AND THE OTHER SUBMARINE AREAS
OVER WHICH THE PHILIPPINES HAS SOVERIGNTY OR JURISDICTION.
THE WATERS AROUND, BETWEEN, AND CONNECTING THE ISLANDS OF
THE ARCHIPELAGO, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR BREADTH AND DIMEN-
SIONS, FORM PART OF THE INTERNAL WATERS OF THE PHILIPPINES.
UNQUOTE

2. WE PRESUME THE WORDS " HISTORIC RIGHT OR LEGAL
TITLE" COULD BE HELD TO COVER SABAH CLAIM, BUT THAT THESE
WERE DELIBERATELY LEFT VAGUE.
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